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SUBJECT: BEGINNING OF FINAL SESSION OF LAWS OF WAR CONFERENCE

1. THE FOURTH AND FINAL SESSION OF THE DIPLOMATIC  
CONFERENCE ON THE REAFFIRMATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL  
HUMANITARIAN LAW APPLICABLE IN ARMED CONFLICTS BEGAN ON  
MARCH 17 WITH AN UNEVENTFUL OPENING PLENARY SESSION.  
SWISS FOREIGN MINISTER GRABER PRESIDED. SLIGHTLY MORE THAN  
HALF OF THE PARTICIPATING STATES WERE REPRESENTED. THE US  
REPRESENTED BY AMB. ALDRICH, ACCOMPANIED BY SOLF AND CERRA.

2. GRABER CONVENED SUBSEQUENT PRIVATE MEETING OF DELEGATION  
HEADS TO SEEK AGREEMENT OF A SERIES OF CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS  
DURING THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS ON MANY OF THE MOST  
DIFFICULT OF THE REMAINING ISSUES. THERE WAS NEARLY  
UNANIMOUS LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOR SUCH MEETINGS, BUT GRABER  
WON ACCEPTANCE OF AT LEAST ONE SUCH MEETING ON MARCH 21 59  
CONSIDER ARTICLE 65. MOST HEADS OF DELEGATION PLAN TO LEAVE  
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GENEVA IN NEXT FEW DAYS, SO IT SEEMS DOUBTFUL THAT MUCH  
WILL COME FROM GRABER'S WELL-INTENDED, BUT MISGUIDED,  
EFFORT.

3. MOST IMPORTANT WORK IN THE PERIOD BETWEEN NOW AND  
APRIL 14, WHEN THE PLENARY MEETS AGAIN TO LAUNCH THE  
WORK OF THE MAIN COMMITTEES, WILL BE DONE IN THE DRAFTING

COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL MEET DAILY FOR THE NEXT THREE WEEKS.

4. ALDRICH HAS BEEN ASKED FOR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON MARCH 21 BY KUWAIT ON THE SUBJECT OF THE PROTECTION OF OIL INSTALLATIONS AND BY NIGERIA ON THE SUBJECT OF MERCENARIES. IN ADDITION, US DEL WILL CONSULT INFORMALLY WITH AS MANY DELEGATIONS AS POSSIBLE ON ALL OF THE OTHER UNSETTLED ISSUES.SORENSEN

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